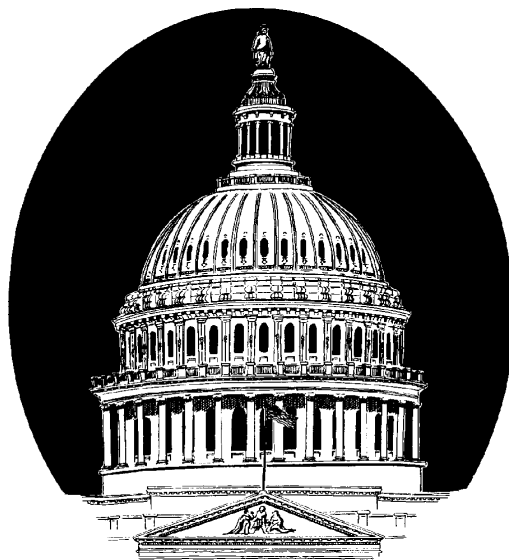


# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES



## **2023 Service Academy** **Nomination Packet**

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Dear Service Academy Nomination Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a nomination to a United States Service Academy from my office. Each year, Members of Congress have the unique opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women in their Congressional Districts to the prestigious United States Service Academies.

The Academies have a longstanding tradition of grooming patriotic leaders and high-level military professionals. I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this legacy of duty and honor.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or this packet, please contact Emmanuel Arellano in my district office at 630-585-7672 or email him at [Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov).

Thank You,



Bill Foster  
Member of Congress

## **The Nomination and Appointment Process**

In order to be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must have obtained a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The Vice President of the United States, as well as Members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Because of the very strong competition for nominations, applicants are encouraged to apply for nominations from each of these sources. In addition to seeking a nomination from Congressman Foster, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy to which you are applying to open an admissions file. **It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy.** Congressman Foster urges you to research the opportunities offered by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces. **Final decisions on appointments and admission are at the discretion of the service academies.**

### **US Air Force Academy Admissions**

HQ USAFA/RRS  
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200  
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901  
(800) 443-9266  
[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)

### **US Merchant Marine Academy Admissions**

300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
(800) 732-6267  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

### **US Military Academy Admissions**

Building 606  
West Point, NY 10996-9902  
(845) 938-4041  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

### **US Naval Academy Admissions**

117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977  
(410) 293-4361  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

## **Eligibility Requirements**

**Age:** Applicant must be at least 17 years old, but must not have passed their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

**Citizenship:** Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

**Marital Status:** Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

**Residency:** Applicant must be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, the voting residence of his/her parent(s) or guardian will be considered the applicant's legal residence.

**Medical Fitness:** A candidate who meets the minimum scholastic standards must pass a qualifying medical examination with the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB).

### **Application Schedule\***

**December 1, 2023** - All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, must be received. Pending a serious, unpreventable circumstance (death in the family, illness, etc.), no exceptions will be made to this deadline.

**December 2023** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

**December 2023 – January 2024** - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to their nomination status.

**February 2024** - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all nominees.

**January 2024 - May 2024** - Service Academies will make a majority of their appointments offers.

\* Months and dates are subject to change. You will be notified if any changes are made to this schedule\*

## **Nomination Requirements**

**\*Please be advised that email is the preferred method of submission\***

- 1. Application Form** - Complete the Application Form as a fillable PDF and attach a recent photograph. A wallet sized photo is preferred. Forms should be emailed to Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd, Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506.
  
- 2. Standardized Test Scores** - Scores from your SAT or ACT must be sent to my office directly from the testing center to verify the scores you report on this form. Please use the following codes: SAT- 1472 and ACT- 7385.
  
- 3. Transcripts** - Official transcripts, including your current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.), numerical class rank and complete course listing, must be submitted in a sealed envelope to our office to our office to verify the GPA you report on this form. An emailed transcript directly from your school is also permissible. If you have completed any college coursework, please provide a transcript for this as well.

Transcripts should be emailed to Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd, Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506.

- 4. Letters of Recommendation** - Three letters of recommendation must be submitted for each applicant. Letters may be from anyone with knowledge of your academic achievements, work ethic and character, or volunteer and extracurricular activities. It is common for applicants to submit letters of recommendations from teachers, clergy, employers, coaches, scoutmasters, guidance counselors, etc. Letters must include the recommending authority's signature and should be emailed to Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd, Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506.

5. **Résumé** – Please submit a **résumé** that includes your extracurricular activities (community service, volunteer work, organizations/clubs to which you belong, athletic participation, etc...) and employment history. If you wish, you may also include a list of awards, honors, or distinctions that you have earned may be included on your **résumé**.

Please include this as an attachment with your application form and email to [Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov) or mail to 2000 W Galena Blvd, Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506.

6. **Interview** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Board.

Please contact Emmanuel Arellano at [Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emmanuel.Arellano@mail.house.gov) or (202) 875-2254 if you have any questions about submitting your materials.

## **Application Form**

*Please attach  
current photo  
here.*

*Please type or print neatly.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what is your status? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in Good Health? \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have 20/20 vision? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, is your vision correctable? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the Academies to which you are applying:

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**Of the Academies to which you are applying, please rank them 1 – 4 (1 being your first choice).**

\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy

\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy

\_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy

\_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy



Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Graduation/Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ English: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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SAT Cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_ Math : \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any Post-Secondary education, please list it below:

Name of Post-Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semesters Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently or were previously enlisted in the Armed Forces, please identify your branch of service, service rank, and entry date:

Please list the names of the persons who will be writing your letters of recommendation and their phone number:

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____

Have you filed an application for a nomination from any other source(s)? Y or N

If yes, who: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*My signature certifies that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

## Essay

In the space provided below, please answer the question: Why do you want to attend a service academy? If you would prefer, you may submit a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than two pages. Typed essays should be in Times New Roman, 12 point font.

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**Privacy Act Release Form**

*In the event that the Office of Congressman Bill Foster finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is crucial that you have given permission for such inquiries to be made.*

Please PRINT your name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Office of Congressman Bill Foster to make an inquiry on my behalf to obtain all necessary information related to a United States Service Academy Nomination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Checklist**

**(Signify the materials you have submitted by putting an “X” on the corresponding line)**

1. Complete Application Form \_\_\_\_\_
2. Resume \_\_\_\_\_
3. Essay \_\_\_\_\_
4. Test Scores (Sent from testing center) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Official Transcript(s) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Letters of Recommendation (3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Privacy Act Release Form \_\_\_\_\_